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## PATENT APPLICATION

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 6407P212

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AUTOMATIC HIERARCHICAL CATEGORIZATION OF MUSIC BY METADATA

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Application No.: 09/755,723

Title: AUTOMATIC HIERARCHICAL  
CATEGORIZATION OF MUSIC BY  
METADATA

Applicant: Ron Goodman

Filed: January 5, 2001

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Examiner: Rones, Charles

Docket No.: 6407P212

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)  
FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Dear Sir:

Attached please find a copy of the Recordation of Assignment document that is currently on file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concerning the above noted application. The Assignment document is being submitted to provide evidence of chain of title for this application.

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Assignee, CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD., a Singapore corporation having a place of business at 31 International Business Park, Creative Resource, Singapore 609921, Republic of Singapore, does hereby assent to the correction of inventorship, the petition for which is filed herewith, which seeks to add David Bristow as an additional inventor in the above-referenced application. The undersigned of Creative Technology Ltd. does hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that he is authorized by Creative Technology Ltd. to make this Assent of Assignee for Correction of Inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 7/6/, 2004

  
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Chon Hock Leow  
Chief Technology Officer



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EGAN, HOWARD N.

DOC DATE: 03/22/2001

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**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, RON GOODMAN, of 226 Jeter Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; HOWARD N. EGAN, of 219 Elinor Street, Capitola, CA 95010; hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

**Title of Invention:** AUTOMATIC HIERARCHICAL CATEGORIZATION OF MUSIC BY METADATA

**Date(s) of Execution:**

**Filing Date:** January 5, 2001

**Application No.:** 09/755,723; and

WHEREAS, CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD., located at 31 International Business Park, Creative Resource, Singapore, 609921, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS' interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignees, and Assignees' successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignees as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignors had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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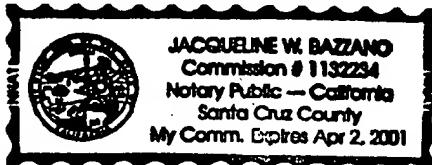
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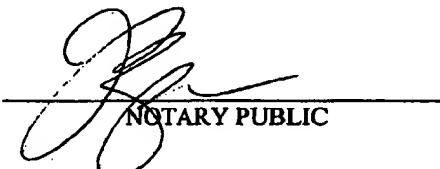
  
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COUNTY OF )

On March 14, 2001, before me, Jacqueline W. Bazzano, personally appeared RON GOODMAN, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



  
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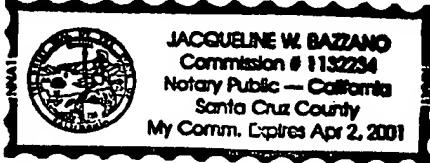
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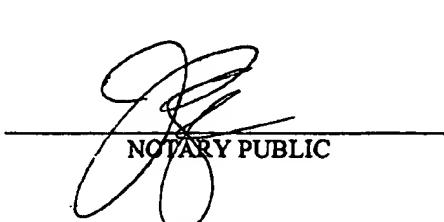
  
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On March 22, 2001, before me, Jacqueline W. Bazzano (Notary Public), personally appeared HOWARD N. EGAN, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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